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SUBJECT: REPLY TO FAHMY ON LIBYA

REF: CAIRO 6378

1. PLEASE TELL FAHMY THAT WE DO NOT WANT EGYPTIANS TO LEAK NEWS OF THE LIBYAN THREAT AGAINST YOU. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FAHMY WILL OBJECT ALONG LINES PARA 4 REFTEL. NEVERTHELESS, THIS IS OUR FIRM POSITION. WE GAVE FAHMY THIS INFO IN CONFIDENCE AND MUST ASK THAT OUR CONFIDENCE BE RESPECTED. OUR OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION IS YOUR SAFETY, AND WE FEAR DISCLOSURE BY EGYPTIANS MIGHT LEAD TO IRRATIONAL ACTION BY QADHAFI.

2. FYI ONLY: IN OUR VIEW, SUCH AN EGYPTIAN ACTION WOULD
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LEND CREDENCE TO LIBYAN ALLEGATION THAT WHOLE THING HAS BEEN AN EGYPTIAN QUOTE PLOT UNQUOTE FROM THE BEGINNING AND THEREFORE CONSIDERABLY WEAKEN ATTEMPTS WE HAVE MADE THROUGH OUR COMMUNICATIONS TO FORECLOSE LIBYAN SUPPORT TO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AIMED AT AMERICANS, (INCLUDING OUR AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT). IF AND WHEN THIS INFORMATION IS MADE PUBLIC, IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATELY DONE BY THE USG. ANY SUCH

ACTION ON OUR PART WOULD BE MUCH MORE CREDIBLE, WE BELIEVE,
THAN IF DONE BY EGYPTIANS.

3. WE ARE PREPARING A REPLY WHICH WILL ADDRESS BOTH THE
LATEST LIBYAN MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE LIBYAN
DEMARCHE OF APRIL WHICH ALLEGED U.S.-EGYPT COLLUSION
TO ATTACK LIBYA. WE WILL SEND THIS TO YOU TO PASS ON TO
THE EGYPTIANS. END FYI.
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